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Subject: A simple request...

To whom it may concern,

Like many, disbelief and sadness about the Gold King mine disaster strikes me continually. As a citizen, husband, father and grandfather I am looking for information on the health, safety and welfare of the river; why? Because it directly relates to the health and safety of first and foremost "my family, friends and this community."

As a member of the public safety of this community I am very aware of the reliance and trust people have on our words and actions. We are the professionals. We have the knowledge, education and willingness to place all "self interests" aside to assure the health, safety and wellness of this community.

Each morning, like everyone else in this town, I awake to read and access the media to find out updates on our river and the disaster at hand.

Today, I find battles emerging from our government and elected officials on when and how the Animas river will be deemed safe and opened for use.

Here is what I ask from each and every one of you. Please look at this picture below for one minute...



Photo of family members / Ex. 6

Why? This is not an abstract issue. There are real people involved and affected by every decision you make, don't make, communicate, or choose not to communicate. You see, like everyone else in this community and those communities downstream from Durango, we are all connected.

These are my "grandkids!" Kids that love to play in the Animas River and in every water hole they can find. These kids are the ones who will inherit your decisions made today, tomorrow and into the future.

What do I ask from each of you? Find a picture of "your loved ones," place it near you while you are working on the Animas River disaster response and mitigation. Then ask yourselves when you are making decisions the following questions;

Will I let my loved ones go frolic and play in the Animas River when they say it is safe?

Will I give my grandkids water to quench their never ending thirst from the wells up and down the Animas River corridor?

Will I give my children --when they are hungry-- the food that is irrigated, grown and raised by the waters from the Animas River?

Like all decisions made in the public safety arena, they are made in the best interest of those we serve. So when I hear that the Animas River is "safe," I expect that you are looking at a picture of your loved ones having answered those three questions I posed above with a resounding yes.

Then and only then, will I let my four beautiful grandkids partake in the waters of the Animas.

Thank you and all the dedicated local, state and national people who are working to assure that the right decisions are made for us, our loved ones and all those who will follow.

Sincerely,

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